

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A plurality of pages of input print data are transferred from a marginless printing input unit into an input buffer. The number of input print data to be allocated to one sheet of paper, represented by J and K, is entered from a specifying unit. Here, J and K are positive integers representing the number of print data to be allocated in x and y directions of a print image on one sheet of paper. An allocation unit reads the input print data one page at a time from the input buffer and, based on the entered J and K, enlarges/reduces the print data. Then, the allocation unit clips a portion of the print data according to its position on the paper where it is allocated, and then outputs the clipped print data to the print image in the output buffer.